



## STATE *of* MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and
- WHEREAS: Pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and
- WHEREAS: Pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national and local forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota has managed wildlife habitats and public lands such as Minnesota forests and grasslands for decades; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota provides agricultural producers and landowners with conservation assistance to promote wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats on working lands and wildlands; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is taking steps to lead the nation in pollinator protection, including the appointment of a group of community leaders to advise the Governor and executive agencies on pollinator policy and programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 19-25, 2017, as:

# POLLINATOR WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May.

  
GOVERNOR



SECRETARY OF STATE